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Hidalgo charged by police officer not Newark Board

Compiled by Rodney Franklin

The arrest of Dr. Hilda Hidalgo, the 65-year-old state assistant education commissioner of Newark was a surprise to everyone. Also arrested were the Star-Ledger education editor Robert J. Braun and two news photographers. The arrest occurred on Wednesday, October 20 at the Morton Street School in Newark, as Dr. Hidalgo was conducting an inspection.

According to a recent release of the Newark Board of Education, a Newark police officer had issued a complaint asserting that Dr. Hidalgo attempted to strike him during Wednesday's incident. The Executive Superintendent Eugene C. Campbell denied any role in the arrest of Dr. Hidalgo and explained, "It was not the intent of the Newark Board of Education to arrest Dr. Hidalgo, rather the Newark Police Department made the determination to arrest her."

Mr. Campbell attempted to prevent the arrest from occurring, emphasizing that he was on his way to the school and he would resolve any problem after he arrived.

Carole Graves, President of the Newark Teachers Union charged that the state Department of Education is pursuing a "hostile takeover" of the city's school system, akin to those taking place in the private sector. Graves portrayed Newark school officials, teachers and support staff as doing their best to operate the city's schools under highly adverse circumstances.

While not commenting on Hidalgo's arrest, Graves indicated that legal action will be taken as a result of what school officials have charged as disruptive conduct affecting children at the Morton Street School.

The release further stated that the Newark Board of Education respects the right of the State Department of Education to enter our schools and Dr. Hidalgo was within her rights to be at the Morton Street School. However, she was not within her rights to invite

the media into the school with her.

Members of the Comprehensive Compliance Investigation (CCI) team have been in and out of the Newark schools for months since the CCI began. Until two weeks ago, they have always wined and dined in a professional manner.

The press release continued to explain that two weeks ago, State Education Commissioner Mary Lee Fitzgerald announced that she was implementing a new strategy to complete the CCI. Since the new strategy was announced, some members of the CCI team have flagrantly violated our policies by not reporting to the main office when they enter a school, even after being asked repeatedly to do so over the schoolwide intercom, disrupting classes.

Mr. Braun, a reporter for the Star-Ledger has been arriving at various schools with the CCI team, ignoring the district's policy regarding the media. He has in one case, misquoted himself by signing in at the Central High School as a member of the CCI team in what appears to be an attempt

to enter the school under false pretenses.

Mr. Campbell even asked Commissioner Fitzgerald in a letter if she identifies Mr. Braun as a member. She did not. But the fact that Dr. Hidalgo and others have felt so compelled to have Mr. Braun accompany them on their visits to the extent that they become upset when he's asked to leave the school or prevented from entering a school because he has not followed the Board policy of notifying the Office of Public

and Community Relations, raises many questions.

The releases further alleges that on one visit, the CCI team was present when male photographers accompanied representatives of the State's CCI team into a girls' bathroom, without knocking, to photograph and videotape walls, ceiling and stalls. The women will speak before the board at the Tuesday October 26 meeting.

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At Press Time

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Governor asked to resolve local crisis

Citizens request his intervention on behalf of police officer

Compiled by Kaylyn Dines

The Fourth Avenue Concerned Citizens Group, of East Orange, has given Governor Florio the opportunity to show and prove his concern for a city divided; by intervening and resolving the crisis involving East Orange Police Officer DeLacy Davis.

Follow officers charged Davis with "inciting anger" during a community cookout that he sponsored along with the East Orange Kinsmen black police officers group. Davis said, when he spotted a car driving amidst a calm crowd of between four and five hundred

people, he immediately requested that the officers turn the vehicle around.

East Orange Police Officer Frank Torres and Bloomfield Police Officer Steven Dunn, the officers in the car, complied with Davis' request and departed from the cookout. The next day, Officer Davis was informed that fellow Officer Torres had filed the controversial complaint that resulted in Davis' suspension from the force.

It was this incident that sparked the Fourth Avenue Concerned Citizens Group to make an effort to involve the Governor. In a letter dated October 6, 1993, group spokesman Laurel Lewis requested that the Governor "intervene on behalf of this community to prevent a crisis from

escalating out of control."

Earlier this year, Davis was commended by Governor Florio for being a 1993 honoree of the Fourth Annual Tribute to Young Black Men. Florio reported to Davis as "a positive role model for young men throughout the entire state of New Jersey. I am certain that New Jersey will continue to flourish, as long as it can rely on people such as yourself," said Governor Florio of Davis' accomplishments in community life.

Approximately two years ago, Davis founded Black Cop's Against Brutality (B-CAP), an organization that connects workers throughout the community. The members of the organization also serve as mentors and positive role models to the youth

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Stop the obscenity

Newark fights back to put an end to derogatory clothing

NEWARK—The Newark Board of Education has a new dress code in place, which prohibits students from wearing offensive clothing in school. The policy states, that the Board will not interfere with the right of students and parents/guardians to make decisions regarding appearance, except when their choices affect the educational program of the schools.

The policy recognizes that students are individuals and that their mode of dress will reflect their personal style and preferences; but at the same time, the Board will not allow dress or grooming practices which present a hazard to students or others in the school, interfere with school work, create disorder, or cause excessive wear or damage to school property. The policy also bans obscene and derogatory clothing.

In her "State of Education" address, Board president Evelyn Williams said, "Students send the wrong message when attired in

these clothes and we send the wrong message if we allow it." Executive Superintendent Eugene Campbell has also been vocal about T-shirts and sweat shirts which have offensive messages. Before school opened, Mr. Campbell sent a memo to principals reminding them of their obligation to enforce the dress code.

A press rally and conference was held in Newark last Wednesday, calling for an end to the current trend of graphic obscenity on T-shirts and displays in the City. Council President Gary Harris—along with several members of the Black Clergy of Newark and Essex County—and the Coalition of African-American Entrepreneurs publicly denounced the "destructive messages" exhibited on the T-shirts and numerous vendor displays throughout urban areas.

"We are taking a public stand against the obscene display and promotion of these obscenities," said Harris. "people may be getting the wrong impression, and we want

everybody to know that most of Newark does not endorse nor do we want—this crap in our community. It's gotten so that everywhere we turn, decent residents, including young children and teens, are being subjected to somebody else's idea of novelty. Most of the residents with whom I have spoken, find this not only personally offensive, but it also insults our desire to try to heighten the moral and wholesome fiber of our community. How can we clean it up with this garbage everywhere we look?"

The group of leaders appealed to residents not to wear the obscene clothing; to vendors not to carry and exhibit it; and to the City not to allow it, by law. "As the core group being affected, we have to take a strong public stance against this and other destructive forces. This may only be the first, but over time, we will eliminate this filth. As a result of the rally, a law has been passed to prevent the sale of derogatory clothing to minors.

Dr. Chavis stated, "When we cross the George Washington Bridge into New York City with some 200 freedom riders from the deep South, we will not only contribute to an increase in voter mobilization in New York City, but we will represent the help that NAACP (members) and others from the North offered when riders went to the South to insure the voting rights of African-Americans some 30 years ago."

The NAACP has always placed a high priority on voter registration, education and mobilization throughout the country. These efforts have resulted in NAACP members being beaten, arrested, and shot-at throughout the South in the 1940's and '50's. Thirty years ago, NAACP field secretary for Mississippi, Medgar Evers, was murdered in the front yard of his home, in the sight of his wife and children, simply because he worked for the right of African-Americans to vote in the southern states. According to Dr. Gibson, "political party for African-Americans is still an illusion, a goal, but not an attainment. We have to continue to work, struggle, and fight for political equality as we did in the '50's and '60's."

NAACP launches "freedom ride"

BALTIMORE, MD.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has launched an unprecedented "Get-Out-The-Vote" campaign to increase voter participation in city elections across the country on November 2, 1993. Highlighting the campaign is an "NAACP Get-Out-The-Vote Freedom Riders Mobilization" which will begin in the South and travel up North, with brief stops in several states along the way, culminating in New York City. In addition, the NAACP voter mobilization efforts will be conducted in California and other Western states.

Approximately 200 volunteer "Freedom riders" from the states of Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, the District of Columbia and Maryland have committed to ride buses to New York City from October 24 through the 27th. Starting October 27 through November 2, the "Freedom riders" will engage in canvassing, community rallies and voter education meetings as well as conducting "get-out-the-vote" work throughout the five boroughs of New York City.

"Given the potential voting strength of the African-American

and other people-of-color, communities in the South and Northeast, the NAACP has decided to focus our efforts on certain key cities in this area," said Dr. Benjamin R. Chavis, Jr., Executive Director of the NAACP. "Moreover, we will encourage greater voter participation by all Americans."

Busloads of NAACP "freedom riders" will leave simultaneously on October 24 at 2:00 p.m. from Atlanta, Georgia, and from Orangeburg, South Carolina, where kick-off rallies were held at both sites. Thereafter, the bus caravan made stops in Suffolk, an Arlington, Virginia, Washington D.C., Baltimore, Maryland and Newark, before arriving in New York City at 11:00 a.m. on October 27th.

"It is the objective of this freedom ride to re-awaken the African-American community to the importance of voter participation," said Dr. William F. Gibson, Chairman, National Board of Directors of the NAACP. "The right to vote is a precious right that is sought with the blood, sweat and tears of many who struggled in the past to get the right to vote for all citizens. Today, unfortunately, there appears to be a degree of voter apathy that we intend to challenge." While in New York City, the freedom riders will make special efforts to unite

How to measure your blackness

by Mwattimu Mwattimu, Ed.D.

"I often say in this regard that if there were not a direct relationship between history and money, a direct relationship between history and power, history and rule, then why is it that the European rewrote history? Why is it that the European wants to take our history away from us? Amos N. Wilson, The Falsification of African Consciousness (1993) p. 15

During a recent visit to Empire Baptist Bookstore on 125th in Harlem, New York, I noticed a clergy robe hanging on a rack that was arrayed with "imitation" kente strip doctoral bars on the sleeves and on the front panel. I remarked to the manager that the Negro preacher is purchasing an occasion, then why is it that the European rewrote history? Why is it that the European wants to take our history away from us? Amos N. Wilson, The Falsification of African Consciousness (1993) p. 15

Today, and even recent years, the Negro will tell you without flinching that "they were born black and don't need a study in history to be black." This ahistorical position is indicative of the fact that we have taken pride in becoming a people who some say "buy what they want and beg for what they need."

How much truth is there in the preceding statement when we as a people spend over 350 billion dollars a year and yet we are the bottom of the economic barrel in the U.S. in small business development, high levels of unemployment, and lack of job creation skills. When all is said and done, we must begin to measure our blackness on an economic rather than on ethnic peculiarities.

After over 60 years, when will the Nation of Islam open a factory to produce the suits that the young brothers wear with pride? Wilson's statement in our opening quotation is correct. "If there were not a direct relationship between history and money...then why is it that the European rewrote history?" As long as our young people have a nonsense and no-sense view of our history, they will always continue to be servants of not only white people, but to Jews, Arabs, Chinese, Koreans, and even Vietnamese in their efforts to secure jobs rather than provide goods and services to over 30 million plus African people here in the U.S.

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Ask yourselves the following questions:
Did I buy my recent car from a black owned auto dealer?
Did I buy my recent car from a black auto salesperson?
Did I buy my house from a black owned real estate agency?

Did I buy my house through a black real estate agent?

Did I hire a black owned landscaping company to take care of my yard?

Did I hire a black electrician to do my repairs?

Did I hire a black plumber to do my repairs?

Did I hire a black home improvement company to make recent repairs?

Did I hire a black auto mechanic to repair my car?

Did I hire a black technician to repair my washer and/or dryer?

Did I hire a black air conditioner and refrigeration technician to do my repairs?

Did I take my recent laundry and dry cleaning to a black-owned cleaners?

Do I wear any garments made by a black tailor or seamstress?

Do I buy or subscribe to a black-owned newspaper or magazine?

Do I use the services of a black physician?

Do I belong to or send financial support to a black lawyer or civil rights organization?

Do I hire a black lawyer or black law firm to handle my legal business?

Do I have insurance coverage with dry cleaning or a black-owned insurance company?

Do I have a black purchase of goods or services from a black entrepreneur during the past year?

If you did not answer yes to at least two questions, then you are contributing to the underdevelopment of the race and you are undermining the present and future of your own children.

Dr. Mwattimu L. Mwattimu, author and columnist for the *NYork Journal and Guide* newspaper.



PLAINFIELD—Rose of Sharon honors L-R Mrs. Peggy Stewart, Mrs. Mary Tunison, Mrs. Deborah Bellin and Bishop Edward Phelan were honored by the Rose of Sharon Community Church for their dedication and work in Christ.

Photo by Ray Bailey



Mary Gladden



Kimberly McGregor Wyatt

PLAINFIELD—Two Plainfield Public School educators have been awarded the Exceptional Educator of the Year Award. Mary Gladden, principal of Maxson Middle School, and Kimberly McGregor Wyatt, a teacher of the handicapped at Lincoln Elementary School, received the A. Ross Brent Administrator Award and the A. Ross Brent Educator Award for their contributions to education. The Awards were created this year for the first time to provide an avenue to encourage Plainfield educators to promote excellence in education.

Gladden, the former principal of Jefferson Elementary School for twenty-one years was recently promoted to principal of Maxson Middle School. She uses the words of Dr. Benjamin E. Mays as her guide for living. "Failure by low aim is a sin." Gladden is active in educational and civic organizations that promote education.

Wyatt holds a Bachelor of Arts in Special Education with majors in Special Education and Early Childhood. She has been in the Plainfield School System for ten years and was named teacher of the year for Lincoln School in 1991. Wyatt is an advocate for impaired students and uses her artistic talents as a part of her teaching methods. Her personal philosophy is, "For the next 24 hours of your life, live to make a difference and let God do the rest."



Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

NEWARK—Essex County College International Week Symposium 2:30 p.m. For more information call (201)877-5206.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

MONTCLAIR—The Montclair Art Museum (MAM) will present its teacher-training workshop, "Art Reflects Change," from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

NEWARK—Essex County College International Fashion Show Entertainment & Food Court 1:00-6:30 p.m. For more info call (201)877-3306.

IRVINGTON—Every Thursday at the Irvington General Hospital, free STD (Sexually Transmitted Diseases) clinic. FREE TREATMENT!! Call for an appointment at (201)999-6124.

NEWARK—The Newark Museum presents their Family Feature, "The Weather Machine." For ages 8 and up and comes with investigate common weather and domestic changes in the Solar System. For times and int. call (201) 596-6550.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

NEWARK—The Newark Chapter of

the NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner will mark the chapter's 70th anniversary at the Robert Treat Center, 50 Park Place. Civil rights leader Rev. Al Sharpton will deliver the dinner keynote address. For tickets call (201) 624-6400.

SUMMIT—New Jersey Center for Visual Arts presents viewing. Open to the public. For more info call (908)273-9121.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

NEWARK—Essex County College International Week Dance 7:00 p.m. For more info call (201)877-3306.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

BRANCHBURG—Raritan Valley Community College to sponsor bus trips to NYC Opera, Museum of Modern Art and NYC Ballet. For more info call (908)218-8871.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

MONTCLAIR—The Montclair Art Museum (MAM) will offer a workshop on "Resources for Teaching Art from a Multi-Cultural Point of View" from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more info call (201)746-9118.

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People on the move

Susan Price, AIA, of Nyack, New York, has joined the Fort Lee Executive Park team as Construction Manager. Dr. Theodore F. Cook, a professor of history at William Paterson College in Wayne, has been awarded a Nobel Institute Fellowship to participate in the guest researcher program "Great Powers, World Orders and Interventions" at the Norwegian Nobel Institute in Oslo. Priscilla Orr, director for academic support programs at William Paterson College in Wayne and a published poet, has received a 1993-94 fellowship from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State. Dr. Lashé Fuzesi, of Newark Beth Israel Medical Center has been appointed Medical Director of the New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network.

Coping

By Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

Your child has stress too!

Children sure do have it easy. They can live at home and relax, only adults have to carry the heavy burden of destructive stress. This is one of the most inaccurate statements that I have ever heard, the exact opposite is true. Children live in stress from the very moment they are born. One of the things that makes their stress so horrible is that adults don't realize that children have stress, so, they do nothing to alleviate the child's stress. In fact, adults pile more and more stress on children each day.

What causes children to have stress? The answer is obvious: Children have enormous stress because of the pressure that parents put on them to be perfect. "You're just a child, you can't make decisions for yourself, you'd better do everything that I tell you to do, (and...) you had better not make a mistake."

Some parents even threaten their child with extreme physical abuse. Other parents take out their own frustrations and stress on the child by turning the child into a punching bag.

Teachers impose constant psychological stress on children by throwing them into competition with each other and giving the assumption that failing a test is the end of the world. The pressure sparked by the fear of failure is so overwhelming that it makes serious studying impossible. The stress destroys the child's memory, motivation, concentration, and often, health. Yet, parents says, "My child sure does have it easy."

We haven't yet said a word about peer pressure. If a child doesn't get one of the best grades on every exam, the other students often ridicule him/her. The child feels the need to be the best at everything. Yet, this is unrealistic, no one is outstanding at everything.

This pressure from parents, teachers, fellow students, friends and associates is unending. It is the constant companion of the child, practically throughout his/her life. But, suppose the child has a mental or physical disability. Suppose he/she is a racial minority and is poor. Suppose the child lives in a ramshackle, filthy apartment, has little money for clothes and is constantly hungry. Suppose the parents are physically abusive. Suppose the child lives in a ghetto and the gangs threaten to beat the hell out of him/her, if the person doesn't join.

Can you, as an adult, really say that children have little or no pressure? What kind of an adult does a child become if he/she must live under these enormous pressures? What can you, as an adult, do to make the child's life more livable?

Ward Inducted Into Essex Democratic Hall Of Fame

NEWARK—Eulis (Honey) Ward will be inducted into the Essex County Democratic Committee Hall of Fame, on Thursday, October 28, 1993, at the Town and Campus, 350 Pleasant Valley Way, West Orange, at 6:30 p.m. Other inductees into the Hall of Fame are Leo P. Carlin, Chester Prosperi, and Elinora B. Swan.

Eulis (Honey) Ward, of Newark, served as the Chairman of Newark's Central Ward for over 30 years and has been the Essex County Deputy Registrar for almost 20 years. He has served the Party under six Democratic Chairs and has been an active participant in the Party for over 45 years. For further information call 201-622-8300.

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National News at a glance

By Robert N. Taylor

U.S. underestimated Aided's support & intelligence: A series of reports recently reveal that the reason American forces are losing the military campaign in Somalia is because leading officials underestimated both the intelligence and popular support for General Mohamed Aided. American officials and media, initially delighted in describing Aided as a petty "warlord," but actually he was the top political and military figure in the once-famine stricken country.

And, instead of a power-hungry man with only several hundred supporters, he appears to be a power-hungry man with the active or passive support of up to 500,000 Somalis. The recent killing of 17 and wounding of 70 U.S. troops in a battle with Aided's forces was the worst U.S. combat defeat since Vietnam and marked the latest in a series of "mistakes" by American strategists.

The mis-step began in March with attempts to isolate and disarm Aided's forces. It then reached a dangerous new level on June 12 when U.S. troops tried to kill Aided in his compound. But, since June Aided has been outwitting, and in several instances out-battling, the U.S. and its forces. One diplomatic source warned U.S. officials in March when they first tried the campaign against Aided, "You must not make Aided an enemy. It would be a serious mistake." The U.S. did not listen.—MOGADISHU, SOMALIA

New report: black poverty triple that for whites: The poverty rate for American blacks is nearly three times that for whites and appears to be getting worse. That was one of the chief conclusions of new Census Bureau data released in early October. In 1992, the percentage of African-Americans living in poverty stood at 33.3%. That compares to 11.6% for whites, 12.5% for Asians and 29.3% for Hispanics. Overall, 14.5% of the nation's people live in poverty. And, the rate of increase in poverty has been 12.8% since 1989. Thus, poverty is increasing at three times the growth in population. Describing the last four years, Daniel H. Weinberg of the Census Bureau said, "The rich got richer. The middle class stayed the same. And the poor got poorer."—WASHINGTON, DC

Supreme Court OK's a third trial in Evers' assassination: It now appears almost certain that there will be a third trial of a white supremacist accused of the 1963 murder of civil rights leader Medgar Evers. The U.S. Supreme Court recently rejected the argument of Byron De La Beckwith, that trying him again would be unconstitutional double jeopardy. In 1964, two all-white juries failed to reach unanimous verdicts. Evers was shot outside his Jackson, Miss. apartment home on June 12, 1963.—JACKSON, MS

Blacks urged To Leave Britain: A black member of the British parliament recently urged a mass migration of blacks from England. Bernie Grant cited unemployment and racism as the reasons for his call. According to Grant, "People feel quite disgusted with the way black people are treated." Grant—a native of Guyana—said the British government should provide financial aid to help blacks resettle. Most British blacks have roots in various Caribbean countries.—LONDON, ENGLAND

Toni Morrison wins Nobel Prize, black males upset: Sixty-two year-old Toni Morrison, this month became the first African-American woman to win the prestigious Nobel Prize for Literature. The Princeton University professor said, "I feel good about this. Really good." However, several prominent black male writers were upset, accusing Morrison of being a feminist; whose works often reflected negatively upon black men. National Book Award winner Charles Johnson said, "Her particular brand of politics is filtered through her mythopoetic writings and the result is black men are portrayed badly." Along with the recognition, Morrison also received a \$825,000 cash prize.—PRINCETON

Bishop Brookins resigning AME Church post: African Methodist Episcopal Church official and national political power broker Bishop H. H. Brookins recently announced he was resigning his post in the wake of allegations that he mis-used church funds. But, the AME church's Council of Bishops decided in Atlanta this month that Brookins will remain a bishop and be re-assigned to another district. Brookins' current district includes 100,000 members in 260 churches covering Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and Washington, D.C. Brookins has long been an influential behind-the-scenes figure in national black politics. He has aided the campaigns of former Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, Virginia Governor L. Douglas Wilder and Jesse Jackson.—WASHINGTON, DC

Beauty, Modeling Pageant Seeks Black Contestants: Saying "Black beauty is special," the organizer of the first Miss Black World beauty pageant issued a call earlier this month for contestants. According to pageant coordinator Sandra Wells, the first of its kind event will take place in September 1994, and is in the early stages of its recruitment of contestants and sponsors. Interested Persons can write the Group: Miss Black World, P.O. Box 65001, Washington, D.C. 20065.—WASHINGTON, DC

The African-American interest in Ghana

by Tariq Jabir

Several groups of African-Americans, including prominent educators; Dr. Na'im Akbar and Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu, traveled to Ghana recently to tour the country and discuss ways to improve the plight of blacks in the United States and abroad.

The educators were among hundreds of African-Americans young, vacationing and convening in Accra, Ghana in what was hailed as another indication of the growing interest of black people from the U.S. in strengthening ties with Africa. The National Council for Black Studies convened their first International Conference in Africa, during the same week, the Black Social Workers were also in Ghana opening their convention.

One of the four groups was led by Akbar Muhammad, the International Representative of the Nation of Islam in Ghana. Included in his group were, Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu, Chicago, Illinois, noted author of several books about raising and educating black children, Bob Law, the late nite, talk show host of Nite Talk Radio, based in New York and Bobby Norfolk, a leading poet and story teller from St. Louis, Missouri.

In a week-long visit that included tours throughout Ghana, Akbar Muhammad's group went to Kumasi and held court with the Asante Hene and toured the Slave dungeons in Cape Coast and Elmina, where Africans were enslaved before being taken to America. The group also visited a camp for the Liberian refugees living in Ghana, where some group members donated money and gifts and pledged to work to publicize the refugees plight in hope of attracting more aid.

Dr. Na'im Akbar said he was excited about the business and other opportunities that exist for African-Americans in Ghana, and will consider coordinating trips for groups of students from Florida A&M University, where he serves as a professor of psychology.

Many Blacks are exploring the business and cultural opportunities in Ghana, which is one of several developing African nations working to encourage black Americans to bring their business and other skills to Africa. As with African-Americans attending the first International Conference of the National Council of Black Studies, Dr. Maya Angelou and noted Pan-Africanist, Kwame Ture was attended the opening cere-



Opening program for the first International Conference for the National Council for Black Studies, at WEB DuBois Center in Accra Ghana. (L-R) Dr. Maya Angelou, Kwame Ture, Conakry Guinea, Dr. Ruth B. Love, San Francisco, CA, and Akbar Muhammad, International Representative of the Nation of Islam, Ghana.

monies at the WEB DuBois Center.

Accra is the planned sight of the Nation of Islam's first International Savoir's Day Convention in October 1994. Akbar Muhammad, who has lived in Ghana for the past three years, will be touring various cities in the United States during August through October. He will be available to help coordinate travel arrangements and answer questions regarding the upcoming convention. For information regarding his itinerary, you can reach James Muhammad at 1-800-682-2960.

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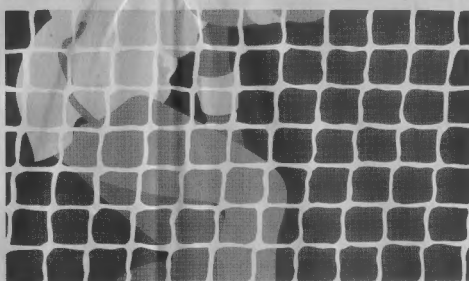
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EDITORIAL

Plainfield needs experience

Plainfield has the strongest slate of candidates it has seen in a long time. George Gore, a highly respected resident has been involved in Plainfield on various committees for awhile. His platform shows thought and his plan to revitalize downtown deserves strong consideration. Others running, Ted Prehodka, Easter Frazier, Robert Ferraro, are Plainfield residents who show their concern and will to make Plainfield a better place for all its residents.

Mark Fury has brought new life to the Plainfield race. He's young and full of the energy to contribute greatly to Plainfield's growth and development. He has already shown his commitment in his civic activities in the City.

However, Malcolm Dunn is the only candidate that has the experience and ability to move Plainfield ahead at this critical time.

His record is one of success built on hard work and his ability to work with people to get the job done.

Malcolm Dunn is known at the state and federal levels of government where he already has a track record as a successful negotiator. He is well respected in the business world.

Most importantly, he is not new to Plainfield politics and city government. He has already dared to make tough and unpopular decisions for the good of the community. His strong sense of fiscal responsibility is what is needed at a time of soaring taxes and diminishing city services.

Dunn has proven that he is not influenced by outsiders who don't necessarily have the good of Plainfield at heart.

Having started and run a large business, Malcolm Dunn is equipped to work with the employees at City Hall to improve services to the people. Hopefully, he will set the same standard of quality service in City Hall as he has set in his business.

The residents of Plainfield must put aside personal agendas and consider which candidate truly has the credentials to be an effective leader and spokesperson for Plainfield, a job that requires time (full time), experience political savvy and fiscal responsibility.

For the other candidates, we hope that you will consider a bid for the City Council. It is time that we have your energy and enthusiasm for Plainfield on the Council to get some things done other than law suits and mindless fiddling while the city burns.

And while many will vote a party line, Malcolm Dunn on row E should be your choice for mayor of Plainfield.

We encourage each registered voter to vote on November 2

by Connie Woodruff

For at least one day last week the gubernatorial campaign was pushed off the front page of several newspapers who opted to write about the arrest of Dr. Hilda Hidalgo, a local columnist, and two photographers for the Star Ledger.

Dr. Hidalgo, Robert Braun and company were taken into custody for allegedly breaking a rule on how one visits and gets access into Newark schools. The incident was interesting because Braun, the *Star Ledger's* editor is not the most popular reporter among state educators.

Most Newarkers have felt for a long time there would eventually be trouble between the supporters and opponents of a school takeover in Newark. The situation is so critical one would suspect any breach of protocol had the potential for lighting the fuse of a full scale war. Apparently the fuse was lit when Hidalgo, Braun and the photographers sought to entrench their positions when asked to leave the school by an administrator.

Warranted or not, Hidalgo was handcuffed, dragged down the stairs and taken to police headquarters. According to Campbell, anyone who violates the system's rules for school visitations while classes are in session will be subjected to same or similar treatment, as the case warrants. The danger is, the incident may be exaggerated on the basis of race, because the confrontation involved a Puerto Rican representative from the state and African-American administrators who demanded the news-

men accompanying Dr. Hidalgo leave the premises.

Seeing Hilda Hidalgo spread across the front page of the *Star Ledger* recalled to memory her role as a community activist for Puerto Rican rights before and during the 1967 Newark riots. She was a strong, defiant, feisty activist then, but she may have quieted down with the passing of time and because she's now a robust 65-year-old. It's just impossible to believe the Hilda Hidalgo who had a temper to match her fierce defense of all Hispanics has become a defenseless shrinking violet. It just isn't in her character or her persona—at least the one I have seen in recent weeks.

Nevertheless, such an incident has the potential of making a take-over or the Newark public school system into an ugly affair that will surely not benefit the city's children who certainly deserve better than they're getting now from the state and the city.

In the two weeks before the November 2nd election for Governor, Gov. Florio's campaign handlers decided to open a satellite headquarters in Newark. It responds to one of the complaints voters in the city have been making for weeks. But it's hardly visible or easily accessible to the rank and file.

If you're looking for input or volunteer service, "Florio '93" can be found in an 8th floor suite of offices at the Robert Treat Hotel. There are other offices scattered around suburban Essex County and a team of men and women to help local pols get-

out-the-vote for the Governor.

The Newark headquarters is not manned by local politicians but by an affable, knowledgeable political professional consultant, Jim Blasingame (Essex County Coordinator), from Chicago. How well this will play with the Political egomaniacs

who abound in Essex County is anybody's guess. It's coming late, but look for a barrage of pro-Florio activity from now until election day with everybody trying to get in the act. The move now will be to really build Florio among the grassroots voters who have been strangely silent in this important election.

Assemblyman Jackie Mattison's annual fund raiser attracted a full house for the Newark legislator whose political skills and clout are too often underestimated by voters and colleagues who prefer bombast to their leaders. But quiet Mattison continues to steadily build a constituency that represents a broad cross-section of Newarkers in the South, Central and East wards as well as representatives from business and industry in the area.

He is also unpredictable. For instance, his reception was almost devoid of the usual long, dreary campaign rhetoric one is subjected to at political fund raisers. Speakers were restricted to Essex County Executive Tom D'Alesio, Newark City Council president Gary Harris, Assemblyman Willie Brown and himself. His mentor and the man he serves as chief of staff, Mayor Sharpe James, was out of town.

It was a welcome change for the

folks who just wanted to gorge themselves with the goodies and to toast each other with the drinks. Their genial host left plenty of time for the guests to indulge themselves with both.

Another quiet man who has been making political news since the late 1970s is South River councilman Matthew Vaughan who hopes to win an Assembly seat in the 16th district. Vaughn, a retired IBM computer operations manager, is a chief M/Sgt., N.J. Air National Guard, served in the So. River Bd. of Adjustments from 1976-1978. And as assemblyman will represent the E. Brunswick, Edison, Metuchen, Milltown, South River, No. Brunswick communities.

The Republicans in Middlesex County are strongly backing Ed Tiller, chair of the Piscataway GOP for the Senate seat currently held by John Lynch, the former mayor of New Brunswick. Tiller's chances are slim, given Lynch's recognition factor and popularity in both major parties. But the former national director of the Jaycees who is the current president of the N.J. Black Republican Council is giving this campaign his best shot.

And if the doesn't win this time around, another Senate candidate, Valerie Coffee, an independent candidate, will probably be in the running. In the future, Coffee, a labor organizer for Local 1058, Communications Workers of America in Bridgewater, is backed in her effort by the 17th Dist. Progressive Coalition that was created primarily to defeat Democrat Senator Lynch.

Every vote counts

by Sharon Khadjah Vincent

As we approach Election Day, the general mood of the electorate seems to border on skepticism and disgust. Most voters aren't too impressed with the overall field of candidates they have to choose from. They are fed up with politicians in general and they are tired of traditional party politics, party bosses and the party cliques that are running their respective cities and towns into the ground.

Though you may be tempted to sit this election out—don't—your vote can make the difference, particularly in very close elections. Many of the candidates may be flawed, and you could probably place a pretty safe bet that they are lying through their teeth, knowing that they will never fulfill their campaign promises. But, there are some who are truly worthy of getting your vote. To try to select the best candidate to support, it'll be necessary to shift through the volume of campaign literature and get past the rhetoric to actually analyze the candidate's record and practice.

Be wary of the candidate who suddenly appears on the political scene and is running for a major office but hasn't previously been involved in trying to correct the problems he or she is now promising to find solutions to. It's unfortunate that far too many individuals think that just because they can string together two sentences that they should be on the city council or be the mayor of the city. Some are very nice people and may mean well, but they just don't have the skills and talent needed to run our cities and towns in these complex and challenging times.

If the candidates fail to address the issues which are important to you, you should write or call the candidates at their campaign headquarters to demand that they answer your questions and address your concerns. Any candidate who sincerely wants your vote, should be willing to spend the time or direct their campaign workers and staff to take the time to make sure that voters questions are answered to their satisfaction. You don't have to agree with the candidate on each and every issue but, you should feel that the effort was made to respond to your inquiries.

If the campaign promises are way out of line with reality, then you might want to carefully think twice about the candidate. To merely tell people what they want to hear without having to answer specific questions with concrete plans and details is very easy. Running a campaign is different from actually governing. Unfortunately, we have found out that this

is the case with most of the politicians elected. Their political skills may have helped them win elections, yet, they haven't been very good at governing. With the decline of community involvement, fence straddlers should be of concern to you. Those who want to be on all sides of an issue and can't take principal stands and positions because they want "everyone" to like them, are totally useless and will probably be ineffective once in office.

The problems and challenges confronting our society means that we need individuals who possess integrity, depth of character and a demonstrated record of community involvement. Fence straddlers should be of concern to you. Those who want to be on all sides of an issue and can't take principal stands and positions because they want "everyone" to like them, are totally useless and will probably be ineffective once in office.

You might not be satisfied with the field of candidates and will have to choose from the supposedly "lesser of the evils" but, do exercise your franchise right and vote. It's your participation in the political process that you will have at least known that you did try to do something in the way of finding solutions. If you just sit home, then you are definitely part of the problem. You will have to settle for what you get!

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NEWARK—Magic Sky will be shown at 1:00 p.m. At the Dreyfus planetarium on the fourth floor of The Newark Museum. For more information call (201) 596-6550.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

JERSEY CITY—At the Jersey City Public Library at 3:30 p.m., Halloween Movie from Movies in West Bergen Branch, 476 West Side Ave. For more info call (201) 547-4554.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

WATCHUNG—Children's participation Theatre presents Halloween Matinee: The Headless Horseman Arrives at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$5. For more info call (908) 753-0190.

NEWARK—Magic Sky will be shown at 1:00 p.m. At the Dreyfus planetarium on the fourth floor of The Newark Museum. For more info call (201) 596-6550.

WESTBURY—At the Westbury Music Theatre, "The Monster Folies" at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. For more info call (516) 334-0800.

BRONX, N.Y.—Halloween Happening. Conservation Bat Tales, a haunted house, octet and endangered species graveyards and sing along hayrides are all part of the annual event activities at the Bronx Zoo/International Wildlife Conservation Park. Activities begin at 11 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information call (718) 567-1010.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

NEWARK—The Newark Museum Children Feature will be Magic Sky in the Dreyfus Planetarium. Experience day, turning into night. For ages 4 to 7, Sat. & Sun. at 1 and 3 p.m. For more information call 201-596-6511.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

VERONA—The Essex County 4-H Youth Development Program is celebrating its 75th anniversary with an Achievement Awards Night and Alumni Reunion from 6:30-11:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Verona. For more info call (201) 678-7507.

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AAA offers Halloween safety tips

FLORHAM PARK—Making Halloween a real treat for everyone isn't hard, all it takes is some extra precautions on the part of motorists and parents. "Motorists must remember that young trick-or-treaters can concentrate on only one thing at a time—and it's usually not traffic. They're more apt to be thinking about the next candy bar or lollipop rather than cars," says Paul Kielblock, NJ automobile Club's safety manager. "It's up to us to keep them safe."

The Foundation offers these Halloween safety tips for motorists, children and parents:

- Motorists should be extra alert for children darting out from between parked cars. Turn on headlights at the first sign of dusk and take extra care when backing out of drive ways.
- With so many children on the streets, a right turn on red can be dangerous, so slow down and watch out.
- Driving five-to ten miles under the speed limit in residential areas gives motorists and children a margin of safety.
- Children should trick-or-treat while it's still light out and wear

comfortable light-colored costumes that make it easy to walk, see and be seen. Carry a flashlight and trim costumes with special reflective tape that shines brightly in headlights.

- Always trick-or-treat on well-lit streets. Never dart out from between parked cars. Walk on the sidewalk or, if one isn't available, walk facing traffic and as close to the curb as possible.

- Parents, be sure to enlarge eye holes on masks and have children remove masks before crossing the street. Better yet, encourage them to wear makeup instead of a mask.

- Accompany children or send an older brother or sister along. If someone can't go, youngsters should trick-or-treat in a group and tell you in advance what streets they plan to haunt.

- With just a few simple precautions, children will have a devilishly fun, and safe, Halloween. The New Jersey Automobile Club Foundation for Safety is distributing free Halloween safety trick or treat bags to children in Essex, Morris and Union Counties. To obtain a supply for your school or group, call 201-377-7200 (Ext. 274).

Plainfield enforces Halloween curfew

PLAINFIELD—Mayor Harold Mitchell announced the implementation of a curfew on door-to-door solicitation of Halloween trick-or-treaters on Sunday October 31. "All door-to-door solicitation by trick-or-treaters must be completed by 6:00 p.m. to ensure the safety of pedestrians, drivers and residents." The Mayor also declared a 6:00 p.m. curfew on Saturday October 30; the night before Halloween known as "Mischievous Night." The purpose of the mischief night

curfew is to discourage mischievous acts which disturb and annoy many residents of the community.

However, planned activities by community groups, churches, and civic organizations should encourage parent/adult supervision to and from all activities. The curfew will be strictly enforced, and the Mayor urges the cooperation of both parents and young people in helping to ensure that the 1993 Halloween Holiday will be a safe and healthy one.

by Kirreck Williams

Students in the Newark area are getting a head-start on entering the field of engineering and computer science through a project called PACE Newark. The program is a branch affiliate of the original PACE (Program for Acceleration in Careers in Engineering) Program started in 1982 by African-American technical professionals in conjunction with the National Technical Association at Brookline Community College.

PACE-Newark was founded by Susan Light and Vanessa Spencer about three years ago. The curriculum consists of subjects in introductory and advance computer, introductory and advance engineering, advance components of mathematics, and personal development. The first hour of the day is spent in a group discussion called "eye openers." The discussion exposes the participants to a wide range of guest speakers who lecture on topics from entrepreneurship to African History, or discussions on current affairs both locally and abroad; and introduces them to an African ethos or thought base.

The main problem encountered

in starting the program, was finding a suitable site to house the organization. The building needed to be in an African-American neighborhood and in Newark. After almost two years, the present location was acquired—the Chad School on South 9th Street—which opened its doors every Saturday morning to the program.

According to Susan Light, "the basic need was to introduce math and science to high school kids to get them interested in, first of all, going to college, and going into an engineering math, or science major. But also to give them an awareness of themselves. That's why we have a two-part component where we look at self-esteem, things that are going on in the community, and what they feel about things that are going on in the world. We provide role models to let them know that we started out somewhat like they did. We try to alleviate the perception that they can't do math, they can't do science, Africans were the first people to practice math and science, and to have a lot of discoveries. We want to plant that seed and let them know that if our ancestors can do it, they can do it."

The PACE staff is primarily comprised of African-American engineers

and computer scientists of AT&T Bell Labs. Staff member Gerry Carter (brother "E" which stands for elder) stated, "our objective is to offer an alternative thought process for young African-Americans to essentially be using critical thinking and problem-solving. We are teaching specific disciplines like math and computer science; we are trying to show that those disciplines which are useful for engineers have a carry over into other disciplines.... What we are trying to do is to get them to begin thinking critically, and be able to approach a problem from more than one aspect.... We are essentially saying there are some untruths in things that are being taught out there, that are negative to your own culture. We are putting that culture in its proper perspective, we're telling the students there are these untruths, but don't expect [truths] from us either. Research it, study it, make sure you agree with it. Learn when is the appropriate time to use it."

Staff members like Kathy Falls, who teaches the engineering class, joined PACE-Newark with the belief that many African-American students don't make it outside of high school; and the ones that do, can't visualize

outside their own thought concept. "I don't just mean college, I mean being able to do more than just what they see in just their surroundings. And I do this because I want them to know that there is more that they can do, I want to give them some tools on how exactly to do it. Because sometimes we only do half [the job]."

"Sometimes you have someone who is an engineer, or someone who is president of their own company or an astronaut. So they stand in front of the students and say 'look at me, I am successful and you can be successful, too.' But that doesn't tell them how to be successful. That doesn't tell them where to go, what to do, how to think...." Falls feels the program is a success because there is genuine love between teachers and students, and a conscious effort among staff to squelch any egos.

Intro, and advance computer science instructor, Sonja Mitchell, also joined PACE-Newark with the belief that there is a need to get our youth involved in science, engineering, and stimulation of their minds. So much so that David Seldon journeys all the way from Brooklyn to Newark, every Saturday to teach intro, and advance

engineering. "It's a lot of fun, I love the kids, and we have a great time every Saturday. I have always been involved in my community, just reaching out to the kids in my neighborhood."

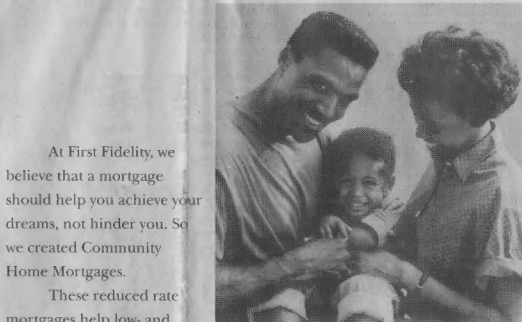
The students are truly benefiting from the share knowledge and experience of the staff. Students such as Roger Toussaint and Daphney Campbell state that PACE has taught them many things about different places and subjects, as well as help them get higher grades. Sandra Johnson says the program has put her ahead of her class work.

For Shanna Clark, a 16-year-old, from Mother Seton; PACE offers something that her private school doesn't. "I come to PACE so I can be around black people. Another reason is (to receive help on my math [and other subjects]), and to hear about the controversial issues from a black point of view."

PACE-Newark operates in conjunction with the school year, every Saturday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Registration is \$25 per year. Anyone interested in volunteering or donations please call Sonja Mitchell at 908-576-2636 or David Seldon at 908-615-5269.

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PLAINFIELD—St. Bernard's Church will begin its "30-34 Enrichment Series" at 7:30 p.m. with the program "Healing Wounded Emotions" For more information call (908)756-3393.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

WESTFIELD—St. Luke's AME Zion Church will celebrate their Family & Friends Day at 4:00 p.m. The program for this special occasion will be the re-novator, Rev. William Barnett, Founder and Pastor of The Christ Temple AME Zion Church, Mt. Laurel, NJ. All are welcome.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

NEWARK—The women's Day Committee of Zion A.M.E. Church (Newark and Neilson Streets, New Brunswick) will sponsor Clary Houston and The New Hope Radio Choir in Concert at 4 p.m. Tickets \$15. Please call (908)249-8854 for tickets.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

DUNELLEN—Ha Dunellen United Methodist Church joins forces with the nationally advertised Fine Arts Gallery, Inc. to present a benefit auction at the Dunellen United Methodist Church starting at 7:00 p.m. For more information call (908)752-8991.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

PLAINFIELD—Seventeenth Annual Dinner Dance at St. Bernard's Church. For more information call (908)756-3393.

DUNELLEN—The Dunellen United Methodist Church is having their annual fund raiser, offering for sale the Entertainment Passbook. For more information call 752-7437.

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The heart of healing

Exploring The Mind/Body Connection In Health And Treatment Of Disease

The Heart Of Healing: Remarkable Stories of How We Heal Ourselves is an unprecedented six-hour multi-part television series documenting successful examples of psychological and spiritual techniques for treating serious illness and promoting well-being. The presentation, hosted by actress Jane Seymour (Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman), will premiere on TBS Superstation in two-hour episodes on three consecutive nights, Tuesday through Thursday, October 26, 27 and 28 at 8:05-10:05 p.m. (ET), with encores at 12:05-2:05 a.m. (ET).

The Heart Of Healing is produced for TBS Productions by Independent Communications Associates, Inc. (ICAI) in cooperation with the Institute of Noetic Sciences. The series is the first offering related to TBS' recently announced commitment to present 30 hours of new, high-profile, multi-part documentary series during its 1993 and 1994 seasons. "The Heart Of Healing is precisely the kind of programming we want to offer our viewers," says

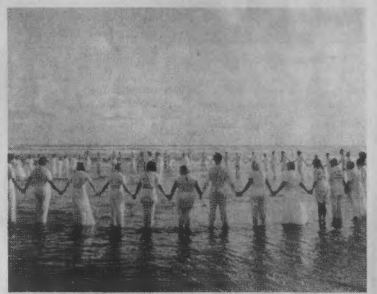
Pat Mitchell, senior vice president of TBS Productions, the division responsible for TBS Superstation's original programming. "This series is a very personal, as well as multicultural approach to one of the greatest issues of our time: health and health care. TBS is committed to presenting bold, provocative and important programming that will inform and inspire, and we believe *The Heart Of Healing* is an auspicious beginning."

The Mind and Body as One
The people profiled in *The Heart Of Healing*, when confronted with life-threatening conditions, call upon a myriad of inner and alternative resources—including biofeedback, psychoanalysis, visualization, meditation, folk medicine, cultural ritual and faith healing—to achieve curative results that seem to rival and even confound conventional medical wisdom.

Supported by substantial case studies and scientific data, the series documents dozens of extraordinary personal stories of men and women

whose own experiences of illness and recovery—from cancer, serious burns, neurological disorders, phobias and more—are, for them, proof that the mind/body connection is enormously powerful and real.

What You Believe. How You Change. Who You Become Do people make themselves sick by what they think and feel? Can they make themselves well in the same way? Are the mind and body inextricably connected? Did the dawn of science in the 17th century lead people astray for nearly 300 years, turning them away from ancient truths and treatments? These questions will be answered in ten three-part series. In its context, each program examines values, processes and beliefs that are currently having a major impact on health and healing around the world, causing what David Kennard calls "a shift in scientific orthodoxy." The aim of *The Heart Of Healing* is to clarify and demonstrate the potency and potential of the total mind/body connection.



Sea Of Love—Thousands gather at the seaside in Sao Paulo, Brazil, for the annual Festival of Iemanjá, a celebration of the Sea Goddess in the Umbanda religion. For several days, the faithful dance and fall into a trance in an effort to heal the individual, the community and the ocean. Photo by David Edwards

Local crisis

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of the community. To add to his contributions, Officer Davis participates in monthly speaking engagements for the Juvenile Auto Theft Program at Essex County Superior Court and at high schools, colleges, and organizational functions.

Officer Davis, an East Orange native, advises people "have the ability to make an impact upon the lives of our people. Stand for what is right. Do what is right. Tell the truth, teach

the truth, and practice the truth."

This mindset and dedication resulted in praise from Governor Florio and gave Davis the opportunity to attend a breakfast reception for leaders of New Jersey's law enforcement community with the Governor earlier this year.

In addition, the New Jersey Council Chapter Members of the National Black Police Association designated Black Cops Against Police Brutality

as the "Organization Of The Year for 1993." This tribute recognizes the group's methods for "the prevention and cessation of police brutality against all peoples with specific attention and concern for the African-American populace."

While Davis has the support of many local officials, residents, and churches, he has been denied membership to the Fraternal Order of Po-

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Khaleidoscope Health Care gives humanitarian awards

JERSEY CITY—Khaleidoscope Health Care Inc. hosted its first Annual Awards Dinner on Friday October 22 at the Merrill Lynch Building Cafeteria. Keynote speaker for the event was Mr. Melvin Forbes, vice president for MCI Telecommunications Inc.

Humanitarian awards were given to Rev. Dr. Willard Ashley of Monumental Baptist Church in Jersey City; The Municipal City of Jersey City Counsel; Mayor Brett Schundler of Jersey City; Board of Chosen Freeholders; Hudson County executive, Robert Janiszewski; Hardy Melendez, Di-

rector of Health and Human Services for Jersey City and Willie Flood, former Councilwoman-At-Large. Special recognition awards were given to Kathleen Blake, president of the Board of Directors of Khaleidoscope and Irene Carson, of Jersey City Public Housing Commission.

Larry Ali Blake Jr., executive Director of Khaleidoscope stated, "The event provides an opportunity to express Khaleidoscope's undying gratitude to individuals who are diligently working with us to make our agency what it is today and the direction it will go tomorrow."

Newark health department offers free flu shots

NEWARK—The Newark Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Division of Community Health recently announced that the department is offering free influenza shots, starting October 12 through November 8, 1993, as part of the agency's Annual Flu Program. The free flu shots will be administered, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon daily, at various sites around the city. The complete schedule is as follows:

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'The Scoop'

by Janice Malone

When people hear or see the name Shirley Caesar, they immediately think of her illustrious career as a gospel music singer, but Ms. Caesar's career encompasses more than just her music. She's an ordained pastor, wife, business woman and civic leader. It is her civic and community involvement that Ms. Caesar wants her public to be more aware of but right now, the public's focus is on her new album *Stand Still* (Word/Epic). Ms. Caesar's career, however, is doing anything but standing still, as she talks with "The Scoop."

The Scoop: "Do fans ask you for advice or spiritual guidance?"
Ms. Caesar: "Yes indeed! Not only do they ask for spiritual advice,

they've also asked me for money (She laughs). I mean really large sums of money too. I've had people who are losing their homes ask me for as much as \$30,000-\$40,000."

The Scoop: "What is your opinion about contemporary gospel music being played on secular formatted radio stations, and in night clubs?"

Ms. Caesar: "The message should be the same. If the message is the same, God knows, I want everybody to hear the message, but sometimes I don't know. Many times the music in certain contemporary gospel songs is so dominant that the listener may lose the message of the song because they're only listening to the beat of the music. I love contemporary gospel, even though I'm a traditional gospel singer. However, I don't like songs that talk about Jesus in the third person sense. I

guess maybe I'm too old fashioned."

The Scoop: "What do you think about gospel rappers?"

Ms. Caesar: "I think the people are listening to the beat of the music more than the message of what they're rapping about. I don't think rapping is something I'd like to do."

The Scoop: "You've received so many awards and accolades. Which award is the most memorable for you?"
Ms. Caesar: "When I received my first Grammy Award, I'm the first black female gospel singer to win a Grammy, that was really a high point in my career. I didn't think I was going to win. So, we didn't even bother to attend the awards ceremony that year (1971). I was in Houma, Louisiana the night of the event and I was totally surprised at winning. But, with any high points there are also low points. I'd say, the lowest period of my life was the passing of my mother (six years ago). I still haven't gotten over that completely. And, the lowest point in my music career, was after I recorded the albums *Shirley Caesar, First Lady* and *From the Heart*. After those, I went for two

years without an album. I didn't even have a contract. This really devastated my career for awhile, until Word Records signed me in 1979."

The Scoop: "You're always so busy touring. It seems. Do you get much time for vacation?"

Ms. Caesar: "I do get some time. My husband and I go on cruises quite often and whenever I'm home, I love to do decorating."

The Scoop: "Have you found pastoring to be more or equally as challenging as your musical ministry?"
Ms. Caesar: "Pastoring is more challenging because I serve in so many roles. I serve communion, I do counseling. I've preached funerals, done wedding ceremonies. So, it's all a challenge and I like it very much."

The Scoop: "Are your church members more in awe of you as being Shirley Caesar, the gospel star, or do they view you as their pastor?"

Ms. Caesar: "No, they call me pastor. What they really like to do is follow me to some of my music performances. If I'm speaking at an event, it seems that the whole church shows up

for it! There are times when I get 10 to 15 calls a day just for speaking invitations."

The Scoop: "Is there one ultimate project that you'd like to do?"

Ms. Caesar: "I have an outreach ministry that's really involved with the community. We raise funds to pay people's utility bills, buy food, clothing, and other things. I often conduct revivals and whatever money that's raised is left for those purposes. This is something I've been doing for the last 20 years in Raleigh (and) Durham, North Carolina, and also in Paterson, N.J. So, one of my dreams is to do something like this on a larger scale. I'm also believing the Lord will bless our church to become one of the biggest ones in Raleigh that's doing community work. I'd like to end this by inviting readers to our church, if they're in the area. The church is named Mount Calvary Holy Church, it's not very large, it seats under 200. Everyone is welcome to attend, no matter what their denomination may be."

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DATE: Thursday, October 28, 1993
TIME: 3:30-5:00 p.m. Presentation and Comments
6:30-8:00 p.m. Repeat of Presentation/Comments
LOCATION: Days Inn - Princeton Room 450 U.S. Route 1 South Newark, NJ 07114
(This facility is located directly across from the main entrance to the Airport on Route 1 South.)

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Anyone interested in a progress report on the proposed extension of the Automated People Mover (APM) system (which is presently under construction at Newark Airport) from Parking Lot E across Routes 1 and 9 to the proposed rail station on the Northeast Corridor (NEC).

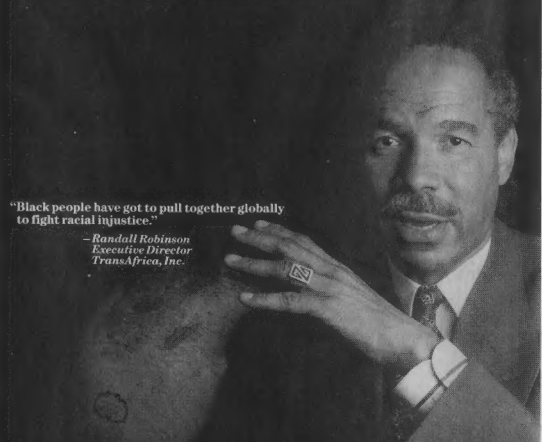
AGENDA:

- The items to be covered include:
 - Alignment options and preferred alternative of the APM from Lot E at the Airport to the NEC Rail Station
 - Evaluation of connecting the APM with the NEC just north of where the Raritan Valley joins the NEC
 - Decisions on what alternatives and what issues should be analyzed in the Environmental Impact Statement

Your input and comments on the above items are welcomed.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

SOMERVILLE—The Somerset Chamber of Commerce presents "Financial College" a panel presentation 7 p.m. at the Bridgewater High School. For more info call 725-1552.

MT OLIVE—"How to Buy Local Tax Liens That Earn 15%," at Mt. Olive Adult School. For conservative investors looking for alternatives to low-yield traditional opportunities. Call 1-800-TAX-LIEN for agenda info and schedule update.

MONTCLAIR—Former U.S. Secretary of Labor Lynn Martin will talk about "The New American Workforce: The Challenge and the Opportunity" at Montclair State College. For more info call (201) 955-7576.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

WOODBURGE—The Barron Arts Center will present a lecture on "Marketing Crafts in Today's Economy," at 7:30 p.m. The Center is located at 582 Highway Ave. For more info call (908) 634-0413.

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Productive economics through self-help

by William Reed

Let us build together a friendship strong and sturdy, beginning with a connective trust that's made to last for many years. (Author unknown)

There are two universal factors or truths about economics. First, production follows cheap labor. Second, capital follows high interest rates. Ask yourself the following questions: Is there an incentive to invest in America, if interest rates are down here and higher, elsewhere? Is business motivated to leave this country? Is labor, the last factor in this equation, willing to change?

Our unions should "raise" the educational and technical level of the masses. Instead of striking, and supporting, strikes to hold onto "the way we were." Civil rights groups and unions should lead the charge into highly skilled and technical fields of work. It is counter-productive to resist improvements. Failure to do this means that the people must compete with unskilled labor, all over the globe. The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) is better understood with these factors clarified.

As a community, we are responsible for the education of our children. Not the "they" we always blame. "They" are the "world economic elites." "They" always get more than

their share of the wealth and services around the world. "They" have no countries or boundaries. Their support base is the "upper middle class." The "upper middle class" has a creed they live and die by, make sure their children do better than they.

This "upper middle class" under the leadership of the "world economic elites," do not want public education to educate more than 50 percent of the masses. If the masses are educated anymore than this, you can no longer tell them what to think. If the "elite" and "upper middle class" allow great numbers of "unlearned masses" an opportunity to the same educational conditioning, those "unlearned" would grow up to be a direct threat to their children's employment opportunities.

Controlling education maintains the social status of the "upper middle class" and the "world economic elites." Could this explain the annual crisis, solved by cuts and take-aways in public education?

We must teach our best and brightest, on Saturdays and Sundays, a sound, basic education in reading, math, writing and thinking. The churches in our communities should open their doors and begin this task "yesterday." We have plenty of qualified, talented, and retiring teaching volunteers. They would be willing to help complement public education and children willing to try.

The preceding comments on

self-empowerment over education and economics were written by Mr. Calvin Pearce who is Executive Director of The Learning Logic Foundation, the first Intergenerational think tank in Illinois. The think tank's purpose is to promote educational discussion and experimental programs between senior citizens and school age youth. The mission of the Foundation is to decrease illiteracy, homelessness,

drug addiction, and domestic and gang violence.

Pearce's group is trying to organize objectives around the social problems of the community. A community needs to hear its own voice. Our communities need voices publicizing mutual feelings, problems, and hardships. But, the majority of a community's time can be spent reacting to the negative effects of problems high-

lighted by the media. The actual quality of life in a community depends on how well it maintains the standards, morals, and values of its people.

Do you want to do more toward building together with people where you live? Contact the Learning Logic Foundation at P.O. Box 805233, Chicago, IL 60680-4133, (312)

Local crisis

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lice. Officer Davis advises "young brothers and sisters to build a foundation that is necessary for our self-determination, self-defense, and self-empowerment needed to develop as an African people."

While the outcome of the charges remain to be seen, Officer Davis said, "My parents did not bring me here to be a cop, they brought me here to advance and make a contribution to an African people. As a result of that, it is not important how this affects my career. What is most important is how it affects our future as an African people in the long run."

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The future of opportunity in jeopardy

Black Coaches Association tackle N.C.A.A

by Mark Prioleau

Larry Johnson, star of the NBA's Charlotte Hornets, recently signed a 12 year, \$84 million dollar contract, making him the highest paid athlete in the history of professional sports. Johnson, otherwise known as "Grandma" from his Converse sneaker commercials, might not be where he is today, had he not such an illustrious career at UNLV, where he led the "Running Rebels" (one of the best teams ever assembled on the college hardwood) to a 1990 N.C.A.A. Championship.

The University of Nevada-Las Vegas, a division I-A college, no doubt gave Johnson the opportunity to display his talents in front of national television audiences, and large crowds on a number of occasions. By the end of his senior year, everyone knew who Larry Johnson was; NBA scouts, coaches, agents, and Converse. Although Johnson made UNLV a lot of money in basketball revenue, "L.J.," as he is called by teammates, took advantage of the opportunity in being enrolled as a student at UNLV. He made a name for himself during his junior and senior years as an athlete on the nationally ranked "Running Rebels" basketball team where he was twice named an All-American.

But there was a time when Larry Johnson wasn't considered "college material." Growing up in the rough parts of Dallas, TX and living under adverse social and economic conditions, Johnson scored less than a 700 on the SAT in high school, and thus, didn't meet the requirements under the National Collegiate Athletic Association's former Proposition 48 rule.

As an All-American in high school, he was good enough to play basketball for any college in the country, but academically he just wouldn't make it, according to the powers that

be. So "L.J." was forced to take the humble road to stardom; he attended Odessa Junior College in Texas, where he also received kudos as a two-time Juco All-American and was named the 1989 Junior College Player of the Year. Johnson graduated from Odessa and proved to the Lords of the N.C.A.A. that he was ready for the big time, division I-A, Jerry Tarkanian, and UNLV. The rest is history.

In many respects, there are a lot of Larry Johnsons in our society. They are our youth who today must overcome social, economic, and educational ills that exist in their daily lives. They may not have the rare talent of a Larry Johnson and they don't have to play basketball. But there is a common theme that can be shared between L.J. and high school students of today, and that is the opportunity to succeed at whatever it is that they do.

As a high school senior, Larry Johnson knew that he had a talent, which was the gift to play basketball; and he would go to the Junior College of Hell or High Water in order to one day play at a major university. That's Larry Johnson, 6ft-6" and 240 pounds of resiliency who knew exactly what his talent was and who knew that he was capable of doing; reaching the zenith on every level of competition that he has ever played on.

As for the average high school senior, the chances are that they don't know exactly what they want to do with their life, nor do they hardly realize their potential until they're already in college. In the event that they do not meet today's N.C.A.A. eligibility requirements under the current existing Proposition 42, (which requires high school seniors to score at least 700 on the SAT in addition to maintaining a 2.0 grade point average), there will be more young adults who will be neglected of the opportunity to seek out their tal-

ents because realistically, not every student will take the Larry Johnson route of first going to a junior college and then transferring to a major school.

These lost opportunities were among the main concerns in Washington last week, when 30 members of the Black Coaches Association met with members of the Congressional Black Caucus, while boycotting the National Association of Basketball Coaches' "Inaugural Issues Summit" meeting in Charlotte, NC. The purpose of last Tuesday's N.A.B.C. meeting was to discuss the general consensus in the coaching community; that they have been excluded from having input in N.C.A.A. reforms. The B.C.A. boycotted the N.A.B.C. summit not in opposition to their objective, because the principles are the same; both want more say in the N.C.A.A. decision making process, but to bring attention to their particular interests.

B.C.A.'s goals consist mostly of sense of civil urgency and specificity. The major concerns are the new scholarship limitations that will soon go into effect, and the tougher academic requirements that will demand from athletes. And a greater representation of African-Americans on N.C.A.A. committees, demanding that candidacy for the vacant N.C.A.A. executive director's position include African-American men and women.

With the revisions of Proposition 42 set to go into effect next year for the 1994-95 incoming high school freshman, there will be a steady decrease of black athletes that attend division I-A colleges and universities. The new rule calls for high school students to score at least a 700 on the SAT's while maintaining at least a 2.5 grade point average. If the grade point average is less than a 2.5, then the student must raise the SAT score with accompanying provisions. With this

in mind, the B.C.A. has a lot of boycotting and protesting to do over the next year to shake up the N.C.A.A. Remember, not everyone can be like Larry Johnson.

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